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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: SHIMOKAWA et al.

Serial No.: Rule 53(d) CPA of 09/044,163

Filed: January 4, 2001

For: DATA STRUCTURE IN DATABASE, DATABASE SYSTEM FOR  
MANAGING DATABASE AND DATABASE AND DATABASE  
MANAGING METHOD AND SYSTEM

Art Unit: 2171

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the following claim:

Claim 16, line 1, change "15" to --14--.

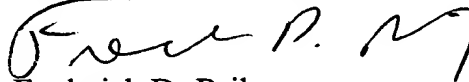
**REMARKS**

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees or credit any overpayment of fees to the deposit

account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP., Deposit Account No. 01-2135  
(referencing case No. 500.36133CX1).

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Amendment, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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